Expenditue incurred in the improvement and upkeep of the Valiathurai Pier.

32. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of expenditure actually incurred for improving and keeping in good repair the Valiathurai Pier for the last six years?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN: A statement containing the information required by the member is placed on the table.

Statement showing the expenditure incurred in the improvement and upkeep of the Valiothurai Pier for the last six years.

Year.	*Improvements.*	*Maintenance or repairs.*
1103	5,445-12- 2	5,181-24- 5
1104	109-15-14	5,057-28- 0
1105	...	6,132-26- 4
1106	5,074-18- 4	4,331-13- 2
1107	609- 8- 1	5,188-27-14
1108	4,418-25-15	5,469-20-15

Development of the Valiathurai Pier.

33. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation regarding the necessity of further developing the Valiathurai Pier, in Trivandrum, and, if so, what action has been taken on the representation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes. The improvements proposed are—

(1) Extension of the Valiathurai Pier. This is considered not necessary at present.

(2) The installation of a seven ton electric crane on the pier.

The resisting power of the pier is reported to be only two tons and hence it is impossible to instal a seven ton crane on the pier.

(3) Construction of a goods shed.

In addition to the three open godowns, one closed godown is under construction and is nearing completion.

(4) Appointment of an officer of higher status as Port Conservator.

It is considered unnecessary to appoint an officer of higher status with special traffic experience as Port Conservator as the work at present is done satisfactorily.

Acquisition of land for the Kottayam-Kumarakam road.

34. MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when proceedings for the acquisition of land for the Kottayam-Kumarakam road was started:

(*b*) at what stage it is now (18-8-1109):

(*c*) the amount sanctioned for the said road in the Budget for the current year;

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